

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on March 25, 2003 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 294, 3/10/2003; HB 754,
3/19/2003; HB 755, 3/19/2003
Executive Action: HB 748, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 15-3
SB 302, BE CONCURRED IN, 18-0, CC
SB 320, BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED,
17-1
HB 444, TABLED

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 **SEN. GEBHARDT, SD 4 -- Short Title:** Revise interest
rate applied to refund of protested property taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

07:00 Dave Ohler, Department of Revenue
07:00 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

09:00 Ronda Carpenter, Montana County Treasurers Association
15:00 John Alke, Montana Dakota Utilities

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

18:00

Closing by Sponsor:

42:00

HEARING ON HB 755

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

46:00 **REP. WANZENREID, HD 68 -- Short Title:** Tax credit for
university system tuition increases.

Proponents' Testimony:

52:00 Sara Cobler, Associated Students of the University of
Montana

EXHIBIT (tah63a01)

EXHIBIT (tah63a02)

58:00 Will Hammerquist, Associated Students of Montana State
University

1:00:00 Carrol Krause, Commissioner of Higher Education

1:05:00 Stuart Doggett, Montana Community Colleges

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:07:00

Closing by Sponsor:

1:22:00

HEARING ON HB 754

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:25:00 REP. JACOBSON, HD 54 -- Short Title: Property tax
surtax on certain residences for state emergency
services.

Proponents' Testimony:

1:29:00 Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus

Opponents' Testimony:

1:31:00 Peggy Trenk, Montana Association of Realtors

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:34:00

Closing by Sponsor:

2:00:00

10:05 a.m. Break

10:31 a.m. Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 748

Motion: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 748 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 748 BE AMENDED. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT (tah63a03)

Motion: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 748 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 748 BE AMENDED. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT (tah63a04)

Motion: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 748 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 748 BE AMENDED. Motion failed 3-15 with REPS. COHENOUR, ERICKSON, and LASLOVICH voting aye by roll call vote.

EXHIBIT(tah63a05)

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 748 BE AMENDED. Motion failed 3-15 with REPS. CARNEY, COHENOUR, and ERICKSON voting aye by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(tah63a06)

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 748 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 15-3 with REPS. CARNEY, COHENOUR, and LASLOVICH voting no by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 302 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 302 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REP. LASLOVICH will carry SB 302.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 320

Motion: REP. DEVLIN moved that SB 320 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that SB 320 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(tah63a07)

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that SB 320 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 with REP. GILLAN voting no by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 444

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 444 BE TABLED. Motion carried 17-1 with REP. BALYEAT voting no by voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:28 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah63aad)